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Examiner: L. Liang

Filed: August 25, 2003

Group Art Unit: 2853

For: SOLID SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENT,

INK TANK, INK JET RECORDING

APPARATUS PROVIDED WITH INK TANK, LIQUID INFORMATION ACQUIRING METHOD AND LIQUID PHYSICAL PROPERTY CHANGE

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